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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watters (US 6,519,464) in view of LeBlance (6,236,365).

As to claim 1, Watters teaches a method of locating a mobile station in a telecommunications network having at least a first network operator having a plurality of first base stations (figure 10, 1030-1040 and col.19, line 31-col.22, line 35), said method using measurement information related to arrival of signals transmitted from the first and second base stations to the mobile station for obtaining the location thereof based on observed time difference, said method comprising the steps of :

acquiring the measurement information of at least one second base station (figure 11, 1125) and the measurement information of one or more first base stations when the measurement information of the first base stations alone is insufficient (figure 11, 1120) for location calculation; and calculating the location of the mobile station based on the acquired measurement information (col.5, line 54-col.6, line 54).

Watters fails to teach the second network operator having a plurality of base stations. LeBlance teaches the second network operator having a plurality of base stations (figure 5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the

art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of LeBlance into the system of Watters in order to improve the location accuracy.

As to claim 2, the combine of Watters and LeBlance teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the measurement information includes time reference information for obtaining real time difference in the arrival of transmitted signals and the time difference information is provided by at least one location measurement unit (Watters, col.3 line 52-col.4, line 8 and LeBlance, col.17, lines 33-43).

As to claim 4, the combine of Watters teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the arrival of the transmitted signal is measured based on a broadcast common control channel frequency (Watters, col.16, lines 40-60).

As to claim 5, the combine of Watters teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the arrival of transmitted signal is measured based on a broadcast common control channel (BCCH) frequency, which is automatically tracked by the LMU (Watters, col.16, lines 40-60).

As to claim 6, the combine of Watters teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the location calculation is based on triangulation (LeBlance, col.3, lines 30-45).

As to claim 7, Watters teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the location calculation is based on a hyperbolic-type method (col.5, lines 35-54).

As to claim 15, the combine of Watters and LeBlance teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the telecommunications network is a GSM network and the observed time difference is E-OTD (LeBlance, col.10, lines 1-18).

2. Claims 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watters (US 6,519,464) and LeBlance (6,236,365) in view of Weill (US 6,246,361).

As to claim 3, the combine of Watters and LeBlance teaches the method of claim 1, the combine fails to teach measurement information includes geometric time-difference between the arrival time of signals transmitted from two of the first or second base stations and the location calculation is based on a circular-type method. Weill teaches measurement information includes geometric time-difference between the arrival time of signals transmitted from two of the first or second base stations (col. 11, lines 9-43) and the location calculation is based on a circular-type method (col.6, line 66-col.7, line 24). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Weill into the system of Watters and LeBlance in order to improve the location accuracy.

3. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watters (US 6,519,464) and LeBlance (6,236,365) in view of Edge (US 6,597,916).

As to claim 16, the combine of Watters and LeBlance teaches the method of claim 1, the combine of Watters and LeBlance fails to teach the telecommunications network is a UTRAN network and the observed time difference is IPDL OTDOA. Edge teaches the telecommunications network is a UTRAN network and the observed time difference is IPDL OTDOA (col. 7, line 66-col.8, line 39). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Weill into the system of Watters and LeBlance in order to transform the existing systems to conform to an alternative system.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 9-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claims 9-14, the teaching of above priors art either alone or in combine fails to teach the first network operator has at least one first serving mobile location center for providing assistance data of the first base stations, and the second operator has at least one second serving mobile location center for providing assistance data of the second base stations to the first serving mobile location center, allowing the first serving mobile location center to provide the assistance data of the first and second base stations to the mobile station, for the mobile station to acquire the measurement information based on the provided data.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANH C LE whose telephone number is 703-306-0542. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM TROST can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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